

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. A [redacted] Border Guard unit is located approximately 200 meters south of Malko Turnovo on both sides of the highway [redacted]. The unit occupies buildings which formerly belonged to the Bulgarian State Forestry Department (A sketch of the headquarters and barracks, [redacted] not drawn to scale, is attached to this report as Appendix A on page 3).<sup>1</sup> Approximately 20 to 25 Border Guards are on duty during the day in the 2-story brick office building measuring 10 x 15 meters which serves as the headquarters of the Border Guard unit. During the night, there are five or six persons on duty. 25X1
2. One "platoon" of the above-mentioned Border Guard unit is located at a place known as Kaymakanskata Cheshma, approximately one kilometer south of the Malko Turnovo-Kirkclareli highway and two kilometers from the border. The second platoon is located at a place known as Kukularat, approximately seven kilometers south-east of Malko Turnovo and two kilometers from the border. 25X1
3. Three concrete bunkers, each encircled by barbed wire entanglements 1.5 meters high and 2 meters wide, were constructed prior to 1944 approximately three kilometers north of Malko Turnovo. [redacted] Although at present the bunkers are not manned or equipped with weapons, they are maintained in condition for immediate use as part of the overall border defense program. 25X1
4. During 1951 a series of zig-zag trenches, approximately 1 meter wide and 1.5 meters deep, were dug by "special engineer units" on [redacted] heights in the general vicinity of Malko Turnovo. Like the bunkers mentioned above, these trenches are not occupied by troops but are maintained in condition for immediate use as part of the overall border defense program. 25X1

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5. A series of antitank road blocks, consisting of two stationary concrete blocks 2 x 2 x 2 meters in size and one movable concrete block of the same dimensions, have been erected on the Malko Turnovo-Burgas highway. The movable block is so placed that it can quickly be placed in position between the stationary blocks to impede passage. There are two such antitank road blocks between Malko Turnovo and the [ ] border, and 10 to 15 such road blocks between Malko Turnovo and Burgas. [ ] 25X1
6. A series of excavations, 2 x 2 x 2 meters in size, have been dug along the Malko Turnovo-Burgas highway. [ ] these excavations might possibly be intended for gun emplacements. [ ] 25X1
7. The border area immediately south of Malko Turnovo is mountainous and wooded; this section runs from Vitanovo (N 41-49, E 27-27) in the west to Kladara Village (N 41-58, E 27-40) in the east. Approximately 200 meters inland from the Deliyska and Rezvaya Rivers a strip of forest 10 meters wide and roughly parallel to the rivers has been cut. The strip has been cleared of all underbrush but has not been plowed or cultivated. Halfway between the rivers and the cleared strip a barbed wire fence 2.5 meters high has been erected. [ ] Approximately 50 meters inland and roughly parallel to the rivers, fence, and cleared strip, another section of forest, five to six meters wide, has been cleared and plowed. [ ] 25X1
8. [ ] nor had heard of any mines, traps, or ambushes located within this border area. This section of the frontier is constantly patrolled by two-man Border Guard patrols armed with Soviet automatic rifles and carbines. The patrols are sometimes accompanied by dogs. 25X1
9. For better control of the border, an area extending inland two kilometers from the border is restricted to the actual inhabitants of the area, all of whom must be Bulgarian nationals. The inhabitants may not go into the hills; no hunting is permitted in the area, and the grazing of animals is forbidden.

[ ] Comment: The sketch of the Border Guard unit headquarters is not very detailed [ ]

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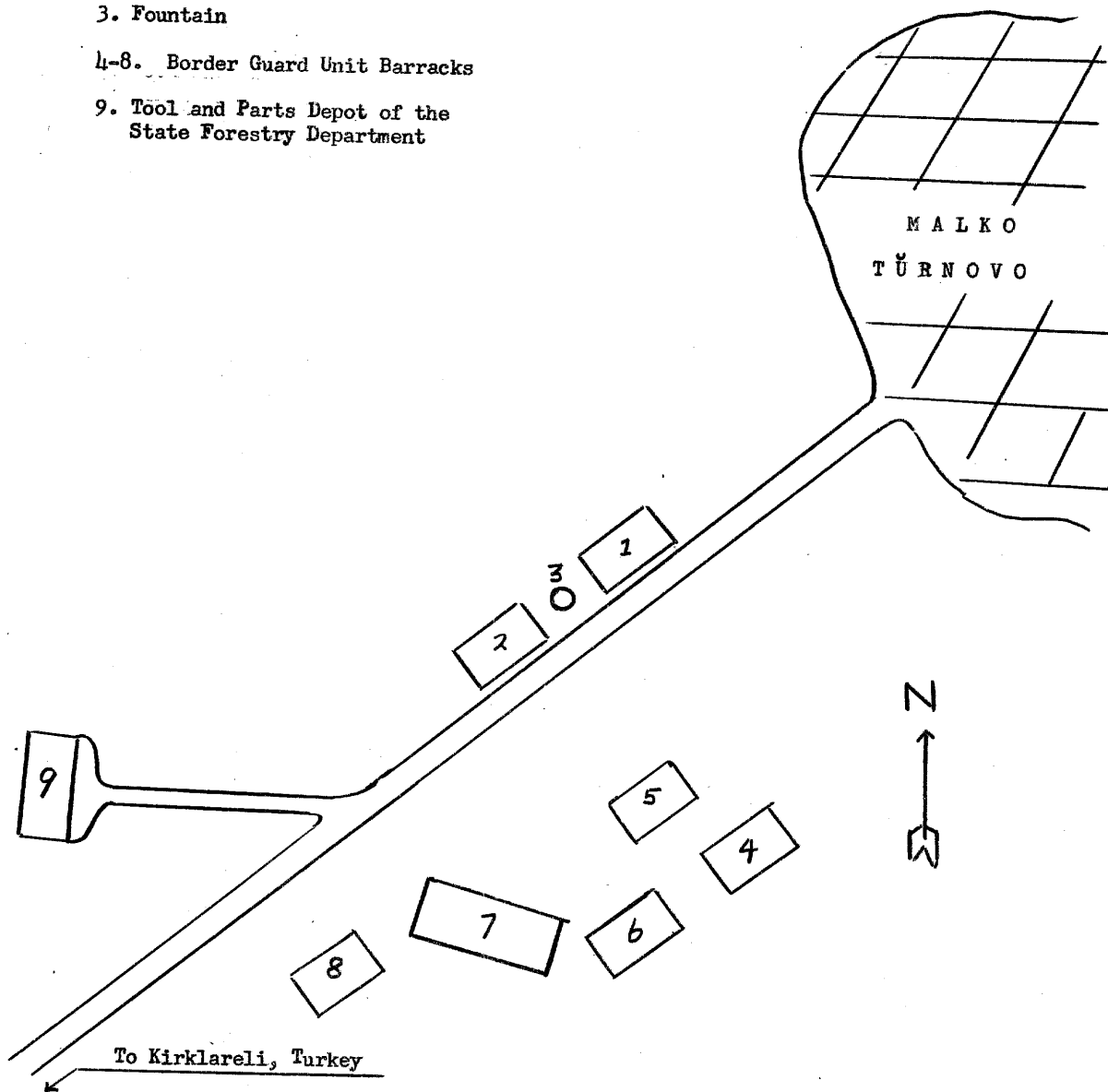
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APPENDIX A

LEGEND:

- 1 & 2. Border Guard Unit Headquarters
- 3. Fountain
- 4-8. Border Guard Unit Barracks
- 9. Tool and Parts Depot of the State Forestry Department



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